

and the North Country community thanks you for making this your home. Your humble leadership and key knowledge will be missed by many.

**HONORING ALICE MARY MOORE'S  
EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND SIX-  
TIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Alice Mary Moore, who will celebrate her 80th birthday on July 17, 2016. Alice's parents immigrated from County Antrim and County Longford, Ireland to Queens, New York where they raised a strong-willed Irishwoman with a sharp sense of humor. At age 20, she met Charles Moore and they married a few weeks later in the Upper West side of Manhattan at the Roman Catholic Church of the Ascension. Charles later joined the United States Army and his proud service as a cook brought him and Alice to overseas posts in Germany and Kenya and to domestic posts across the United States. Throughout these adventures, she gave birth to five amazing children before she and Charles eventually settled in Virginia. Undoubtedly, these experiences instilled in Alice her intense and unyielding zest for life that is as vibrant today as ever. This year, Alice will have celebrated both her 80th birthday and her 60th year of marriage surrounded by her loving friends and family dancing at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503 and enjoying life in a fancy hat at a beautiful vineyard in Virginia. On behalf of her grandchildren, I am honored to recognize the incredible life of Alice Mary Moore on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**TRIBUTE TO MARINE PRIVATE  
FIRST CLASS GILES MCCOY AND  
THE USS "INDIANAPOLIS" CREW**

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Marine Private First Class Giles McCoy, and the rest of the USS *Indianapolis* crew who were on board before the ship was tragically sunk on July 30, 1945 just after midnight. Of the 1,196 members who were on board, 900 were able to make it into the water. The men floated in the water while at the mercy of the sharks lurking beneath them. The Captain of the ship was not alerted that there were enemies in the water due to the fact that his ship was carrying crucial parts for the atomic bomb.

The crew was sure that they would be rescued after they did not show at their destination; however, due to the secrecy of the mission, the Navy did no such thing. Slowly, the men perished in the water due to lack of hydration and the merciless shark attacks that kept on coming. Out of the 900 men who made it into the water, only 317 made it out alive. They were accidentally spotted by Lieu-

tenant Gwinn while he was on patrol in an airplane. This event happened four days after the ship sunk. They were rescued after five.

Tragically, the Navy court martialled Captain McVay for not taking precautions like zig zagging his ship to avoid enemy fire; however, he was not made aware of the possible enemies lurking nearby the vessel. Captain McVay was shamed publicly for being responsible for the deaths of his crew. He was a recipient of so much hate mail that he tragically committed suicide in 1968. He was seventy years old. The surviving crew has publicly said that they do not believe the Captain was at fault, and in 1999 a hearing was held with a survivor, in the Senate.

One survivor, Cleatus Lebow, said at the hearing that Captain McVay was unjustly court martialled. His name was cleared with a Senate resolution in the year 2000. In 2001, the Secretary of the Navy ordered Captain McVay's record to be cleared. The brave crewmembers inspired many movies like *Men of Courage* that was released in 2016. I stand here today to honor my constituent who survived the sinking, Marine Private First Class Giles McCoy. I honor all of the crew that perished and those who survived.

**CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN WES-  
LEY R. MCCALL, COMMANDING  
OFFICER OF NAVAL STATION  
MAYPORT**

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Wesley R. McCall, the Commanding Officer of Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, on a job well done. Captain McCall has served the Navy and our Jacksonville community with dedication and distinction for the last three years and will continue his military service in Washington with the Naval Installations Command.

Capt. McCall served at NS Mayport during a time of numerous construction projects and increases in the number of ships and sailors at the station, all of which added to the challenges of providing superb quality support to the Fleet, families and warfighters. In order to accomplish these tasks, he managed the Naval Station Mayport Shore Installation Planning Board that solicited tenant command inputs in a comprehensive review of facilities requirements for planning and prioritization of MILCON and Special Project Program successes.

A few of the events and projects that were authorized by Congress and completed during Captain McCall's tenure include the opening of the \$26.5 million Fitness Center project in October 2013, and the completion of the Littoral Support Facility, which is the first of several facilities constructed in support of the new Littoral Combat Ship Program, which is headquartered on the East Coast at Mayport. Additionally, \$26.5 million in repairs and upgrades to Charlie Wharf has resulted in the station's first double-decker wharf.

Capt. McCall and his staff welcomed 2000 sailors and their families as the Amphibious Readiness Group, that includes the USS *Iwo Jima*, USS *Fort McHenry*, and USS *New York*,

was homeported in Mayport in August 2014. He also successfully hosted the highly visible first East Coast visit of the People's Liberation Army Navy's visit to NS Mayport from China.

Within the community, Capt. McCall was a champion for the Navy and of the Beaches area. He was the lead representative from five military services and 15 municipalities in the 2015 Jacksonville Sea and Sky Spectacular Air Show. The event, highlighting 26 aircraft, afforded more than half a million local residents of the Navy's third largest fleet concentration area a unique view of naval aviation highlighted by the Blue Angels. His unwavering support of three Porsche Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance events generated for the first time more than \$100,000 in donations to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society.

Wes also served on the Beaches Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and he and his wife Reyna were very active with the USO. They both attended every No Dough Dinner in order to help serve meals to sailors and their families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in thanking Captain McCall for his leadership and his service at Naval Station Mayport and wish him and his wife fair winds and following seas as they transition to Washington, DC.

**GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA**

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I stand in solidarity with my colleagues to demand commonsense legislation to address the epidemic of gun violence in America.

Last week, I spoke on the House Floor in memory of Coral Wilson, a mother of 8 who was shot and killed on May 11, 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama by a domestic abuser. The shooter broke into the home of Ms. Wilson, and used a gun to murder her and shoot four of her children.

Ms. Wilson was the 7th domestic gun violence homicide victim and the 41st gun violence homicide victim in Birmingham this year—Mr. Speaker, these deaths were never acknowledged by a moment of silence on the House Floor.

Congress has repeatedly failed to pass commonsense gun safety measures that would protect our communities. Too much blood has been shed and we need action. We need stronger laws that prevent gun violence and we need it now.

Make no mistake—strengthening background checks, eliminating gun show loopholes, and preventing potential terrorists and criminals from acquiring assault weapons will not limit the rights of lawful gun owners to protect and defend themselves.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., while sitting in a Birmingham, Alabama jail, wrote, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Mr. Speaker, enough is enough—the injustice of gun violence affects each and every one of our communities. Now is the time to take action to unite as one great nation and work together to secure justice for all Americans. Injustice anywhere—Orlando, Baton Rouge, Falcon Heights, Dallas, Birmingham—is a threat to justice everywhere.